DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)

Overcalls 7-16. New suit forcing by advancer UPH.
Advancer cue = invitational+ with support or stronger without.
Advancer 1NT = 8-11

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)

2nd position direct 1NT= 15-18 points; responses as per 1NT opening
Re-opening 1NT= 10-14 points; responses as per 1NT opening

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Weak, typically 5-10 with 6+ suit.
Wide ranging opposite passed hand.

Reopening jump = Intermediate, 10-14 with 6+ suit.

DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

Michaels = hearts + another or cue of hearts = spades + another.
Michaels 5/5 or better weak (5-10) or strong (8+ tricks).
Jump cue asks for 3NT with stopper.

VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)

Pottage: DBL = 15+, 2♣ = any 1-suiter, 2♦ = majors, 2♥♠ = major + minor, 5+/4+.

VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

DBL = t/o thru 4♥. Michaels. Jumps invitational.
NT bids natural, same responses as 1NT opening.
Lebensohl in response to DBL of weak-2.

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣

Suction over artificial 1♣, 1♣-p-1♦, 2♣, 2♣-p-2♦: DBL=♦♠, NT=♣♥

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

1♣-X: P=0-4, 1♦=5-6, RDBL=7-8, others natural positive.
1♦-X: new suits natural forcing, 1NT=6-11, 2♦=11+ forcing.
1M-X: new suits natural forcing, 2M weak, 3M preemptive [note 1]

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	4th from honour or low from Hxx; 2nd top from 4+ small.	
NT	Top from xx. MUD from xxx vs suit, but top vs NT.	
Subseq	Same throughout.	

Other: **vs NT** A or Q asks for unblock or count; K asks attitude.
J denies higher honour & 9/10 = 0/2 higher.

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx(+), Ax(+)	Asks unblock or count
King	AK, KQ, KQx(+)	Asks attitude
Queen	QJ, QJx(+)	Same as suit
Jack	J10, J10x(+),	Same as suit
10	10x,109x(+),KJ10x(+),AJ10x(+)	Same as suit
9	9x(+), 98(+), H109(+)	Same as suit
Hi-X	Xx(+), xXx, xXxx	Xx(+), Xxx, xXxx
Lo-X	HxX, HxxX	Same as suit

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	High/low = odd number		
Suit 2	Unusually high = encouraging		
3	Standard suit preference		
1	Same as suit		
NT 2	Same as suit		
3	Same as suit		

Signals (including Trumps): Trump high/low = odd number

In sum: Reverse count, standard attitude, emphasis on count.

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Direct t/o DBL=11+, all unbid majors or extra values.
Neg DBL = unbid major(s) or runout suit
Resp DBL = values but no suit to bid

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Neg DBL thru 4♥ after 1♣♠♥♠,2♣♦ openings, & thru 2♠ after 1NT opening.
Support DBL shows 3-card M support after 1♦-p-1M-suit overcall

W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: BROWN – Strong Club
NCBO: New Zealand
PLAYERS: Graeme Stout (16340) Jeff Miller (63239)

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Precision: 1♣ = 16+, forcing, natural positive responses.
1NT opening: 13-15
1♥,1♠,2♣=11-15 with 5+ in suit
Forcing 1NT/1M
1♦-2♦ & 1♦-3♦ = Inverted
2♥,2♠=standard weak 2's

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

2♦ opening = 5 major & 4+ minor, 5-10 HCP
1♦ opening=11-15, may be as short as singleton ♦
3NT opening=gambling with no outside A or K.
Good-Bad 2NT in competition
2NT opening = both minors, weak or strong
"Swiss" Responses / 1M [note 1]
In Competition: Cue=Limit+ Raise, Jump Raise=Preempt, Jump Cue=Splinter
Lebensohl-Slower shows stopper
Checkback Stayman
Gotcha runouts from 1NT Doubled [note 5]
New minor and 4th suit forcing

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

Pass by RESP after our 1NT X [note 5]

IMPORTANT NOTES

PSYCHICS: Rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	√	0	4♥	16+, any shape, can be less with good playing strength	1♦=0-7, 1♥/♠/NT/2♣/♦= natural positives 5+, 2♥/♠/3♣/♦ = 4441 positives, jump in singleton.	1♣-1♦-1♥=19+ [note 4]	2NT resp to 1♣ = 10 HCP
1♦	?	1	4♥	11-12 balanced or 4+ diamonds or any 4441	2♦ = 10+ forcing, 3♦= preemptive (inverted) Weak jump shifts		
1♥ & 1♠		5	4♥	11-15, can be less with good playing strength	1NT forcing (may be start of weak raise) [note 2].	Reverse or jump = 14-15 or playing strength.	
					Direct single raise constructive. Swiss [note 1].		
					2 minor = 9+ natural. Splinter = 11-15.		
INT		2 per suit	2♠	13-15 HCP, may contain 5-card minor.	Stayman. Jacoby transfers, Lebensohl, etc. [note 3]	Superaccept transfer with 4 trumps & 14-15.	
					2NT & 3 ♣/♦ invitational (♣/♦ need help).		
2♣		5	4♥	11-15, 6+♣ or 5♣&4M	2♦ asking, others natural & nonforcing. 2♦ followed by a new suit is forcing.	2♣-2♦: 2M with 4, 3♣=11-13, 2NT=13-15	
2♦		0	4♥	Weak 5-major & 4+minor, or 21-22 bal. with 5-card major	Suit bids = pass or correct, except 3♦ invitational. 2NT asks further description.	Resps to 2NT: 3♣/♦ = good weak hand with ♥/♠. 3♥/♠ = bad weak hand with ♥/♠.	
2♥ & 2♠		6					
2NT		5/5		Minors, weak or strong			
3♣ 3♦ 3♥ 3♠		6+ 6+ 7 7					
3NT				Gambling: No outside A or K			
				opposite UPH.			
4♣		7					
4♦		7					
4♥		7					
4♠		7					
4NT							
5♣		7				**HIGH LEVEL BIDDING**	
5♦		7				Key Card Blackwood: 5♣ = 0/3, 5♦=1/4, 5♥/♠ = 2 without/with Q of trumps.	
5♥		7				Gerber over: 1NT opening, 1NT/2NT resp to 1♣,1/2NT rebid by 1♣ opener, &	
5♠		7				2♦ resp to Stayman.	
						Grand slam force: 6♣ = 0, 6 suit = 1, 7 suit = 2	
						Rolling cues [note 7]	